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## SODA PLANT EXPANDS

PRODUCTION ON 24-HOUR SCHEDULE -- Slowo Polskie, No 36, 9 Oct 49

The largest soda factory in Poland is located in Matwy on the Poznan Highway. Soda has often been called "white gold" by the residents of Matwy since it is a valuable export product.

Production at this factory is on a 24-hour schedule. Several kinds of soda are produced, such as anhydrous soda, crystalline soda, caustic soda, bicarbonate of soda, and calcium carbonate. Calcium chloride is produced from the residue. In near-by buildings formerly used for sugar refining and now part of the factory, a high-quality chalk is produced. The factory and its grounds cover an area of many square kilometers; reaching to the Notec River. The factory is constantly expanding. Investments amount to several hundred million zlotys. New large production halls are being built together with modern factory workshops.

The plant has its own railroad siding. Over the Poznan Highway, a large bridge has been constructed. This bridge supports electric cables and pipes for conducting steam to the plant.

Before the war, the daily production was 180 tons. Today, daily (24-hour) production averages 360 tons, and by the end of 1949, it is expected to reach 400 tons.

RUBBER PRODUCTION EXCEEDS PREWAR -- Slowo Folskie, No 37, 16 Oct 49

Of the 11 rubber factories belonging to the Central Administration of the Rubber Industry, four have already completed their 3-year production plan. At the beginning of September 1949, the rubber industry's level of production was 33 percent over the prewar.

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